

Wallace Township Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, May 20, 2008

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Township Building

Members in Attendance: Mary Ann Zeiders, Tish Molloy, Rick Sellen, and Beth Carpenter.
Assoc Members in Attendance: Jeff Colley

I. Call to Order: Due to misunderstanding re: meeting location, meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

II. Approve Minutes: Minutes from April 15, 2008 were approved.

III. Additions to Agenda: Rick Sellen presented Ecology-Based Small Pond Management written by G. Winfield Fairchild of WCU Dept of Biology that studies the links between the ecological quality of ponds within the Brandywine Watershed and the quality of the Brandywine. Rick suggested the EAC 1) obtain a number of copies to have available for Community Day on 6/28 and 2) invite the author to come speak to the township or be available for Q&A on Community Day. It was agreed that Rick follow-up on both recommendations.

IV. Communications: A brief report was given of the 5/15/08 Board of Supervisors' Meeting in which the Supervisors announced their decision to dissolve the Brandywine Regional Police Force and to create a Wallace Township Municipal police force in its place. Because the Old Indiantown Schoolhouse will be the proposed site for the new police force, the EAC will need to hold all future meetings at the township building.

V. Old Business:

- Columbia Pipeline Spraying Damage: No update.
- Burning Ordinance: At the April EAC meeting, Cathy Poole agreed to provide sample language from other townships. No subsequent update.
- Valhalla/Brandywine Development: Mark E., Anna Marie G, Beth C, and Jeff C. attended the 5/14/08 PC meeting in which the draft ordinances to permit Mr Greenfield's "Planned Country Club Community" were discussed. After 4 hours of discussion between the PC and Mr G'field, Mark E was asked to convey the EAC's concerns. Without a detailed engineering plan, Mark noted it was difficult to communicate specific concerns to the PC and the BoS; however, he also noted that compromise on the 100 foot buffers along the Brandywine was not preferred and that the tree replacement provisions be changed to a 1:1 replacement ratio instead of the current dbh provisions.
- Envirofest: Tish and Mark attended the Greenvalley Assoc's Envirofest in which the idea of a regional EAC meeting was discussed in order to explore Best Management Practices.
- Mt Cuba Trip: Warm thanks were expressed for Elaine McGrew taking the time to escort members of the EAC through the Preserve on May 17, 2008. Her knowledge of the plants and wildlife was exceptional making it a "privilege" to tour the Preserve in her company.

VI. New Business:

- Tish Molloy has been organizing a community-wide Blue Bird Talk with Mr. Ken Leicester to be held Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Township Building. Mr. Leicester is Chester County Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Blue Bird Society. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the North American Bluebird Society and is associated with the Cornell University Ornithology Lab. He currently maintains 4 trails and 60 nesting bluebird boxes. A subcommittee was formed to develop brochures, invitations, and public announcements of the event.
- Community Day on June 28, 2008 from 12-5 pm: Several ideas were discussed re: the EAC table for Community Day including which hand-outs to have available, the possibility of having an educational model developed by Rick Sellen's work colleague, and a display by WREN. Respective members were encouraged to follow-up on their ideas.
- The Wallace Trails Association communicated concerns re: the Indian Run Trail washout to the Board of Supervisors at the 5/15/08 BoS Meeting. As a result, Mark E and Tish M walked the area on a rainy day and concurred with the Trails Association's concerns. They reported their findings to Barbara D'Angelo, Chair of the Planning Commission, and to the Trails Association noting that the Heritage Developers appeared to have built a second retention basin to catch the run-off from the first basin which was not in accordance with plans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7 PM at the Township Building.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by,

Beth Carpenter (Acting Secretary filling in for Tish Molloy, Acting Chair)

May 29, 2008